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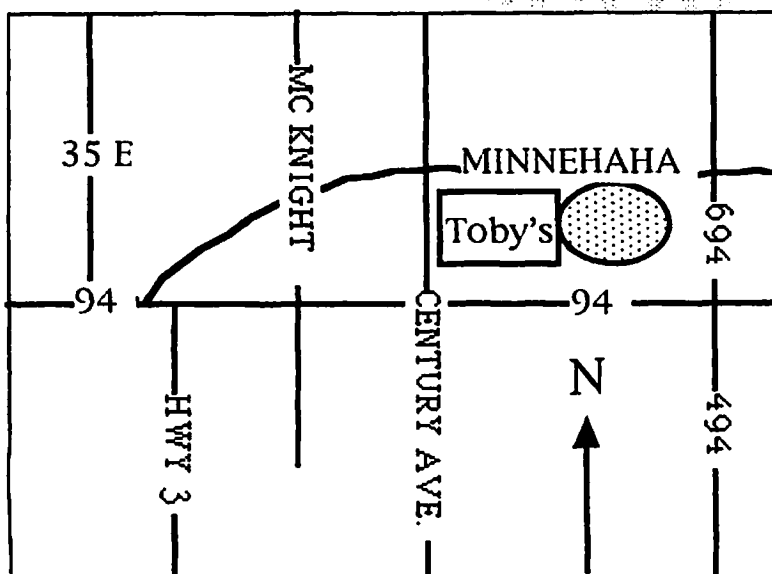
Monthly Newsletter of the Minnesota MG Group

March 1994

1994 SPRING KICK OFF BRUNCH SUNDAY MARCH 20th TOBY'S ON THE LAKE

Join fellow MMGG members as we "Kick Off" the 1994 driving season with our Annual Spring "Kick Off" Brunch at Toby's On the Lake in St. Paul, hosted by Roger and Pat Karnopp. The brunch is scheduled for 11:00 AM. Bring your appetite as the food is great and bring some pictures of your car if you're not brave enough to drive it. Last year we had 8 MG's in the parking lot and the temperature outside was a "balmy" 33 degrees! One warm hearted member drove a "under restoration" Midget with no top! (It took him several cups of coffee to warm up).

If you know of anyone who has a MG or is just interested in MG's and is not a member of the Minnesota MG Group and would like to know more about the benefits of being a member, please invite them to this fun event. See you there!



JOIN US!





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**Something
Different**

Dave Stovall

This month, I thought I'd try something a little different. I thought I'd try to get the gazette out to you BEFORE the end of the month. Last month's Gazette, as you are all aware, was not distributed, which was my fault, and I apologize for the non-existent arrival of a usually timely publication.

I have an excuse, but like the old saying goes "Excuses are like a-holes, everybody's got one."

My apology extends to Mike Funck, his event, The Mid-Winter Bowling Party was the event last month.

Please be assured from now on, every effort on my part will be made to get the Gazette out to you on time! Enough said!

**LORDY
LORDY,
GUESS
WHO'S
ALMOST
40?**

Yes, it happens to the best of us, in fact all of us at one time or another. Don't worry John, many have been there before, and many will follow. The only thing we are concerned about is what about your midlife crisis? You already have a red sports car, the prerequisite for the "Crisis", what's next? Quitting smoking? Don't believe those who say you're "Over the Hill," remember "Life begins at 40!"



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN

**Moss
Motors?**

Surely, if you have a MG, you must have heard of Moss Motors, the biggest and possibly best source for virtually any part you may need for your car. You have more than likely called, asked some questions, even ordered parts. If so, you know what a friendly, highly skilled, place of business Moss Motors is and has been since 1948.

If not, do you know Moss has a free quarterly newsletter and special sale flyers that go out to all who are on their mailing list?

Are you receiving their newsletter? Would you like to? If you would like a free copy of their latest newsletter, I have 5 copies to the first who call or write for a copy. If you'd like to get on the Moss Motors mailing list, just let me know and I'll add your name so you won't miss an issue of this informative newsletter, and the best part...it's FREE!

Without continued support from Moss Motors, The MMGG would have few prizes to offer at events. Moss has, and will continue to supply us with many donations for door prizes, a 10% discount and free shipping order forms, but only with your continued support of their company. Shop around, compare prices, see who has the best delivery, the best availability, the best service, you'll find Moss Motors at the top of the list.

**WEIRD
STUFF**

To thaw the frozen pipes in his house in Farmingville, New York, John Porter backed his car up against an open window so the exhaust could warm up the basement. Shortly afterward, Porter, his wife and their three children had to be rushed to the hospital suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Weird Stuff Cont.

George Gibbs, 23, suffered second and third degree burns on his head in Columbus, Ohio. He had diagnosed his cars problem as a frozen fuel line, which he thought he could correct by running warm gasoline through it. He then tried to heat a two gallon can of gasoline on a gas stove.

Rear View Mirror

John Stebner

September 1987. The newsletter thanked Mark & Eileen Brandow for hosting the August 30th barbecue. Details were given for the next event - Wheels & Wings at Osceola, Wisconsin. This would mark the first time our club would attend this event, one which has become an overwhelming favorite. Members who can't attend other events, always try to be at Osceola. In fact, it has become one of the larger "MG gatherings in Minnesota -oops, Wisconsin!

October 1987. The report on Wheels & Wings mentioned "Dreary Weather." But an outstanding turnout, although no "MG count" was given. There was a lot of top folding that day and John Eaton reported that "Driving home with the top down was the direct cause of more rain." A sampling of the cars that day included a Jaguar XK120 Fixed Head Coupe, a 289 AC Cobra, and a 1954 Mercedes 300 SL Gullwing, which had competed in the 1987 Mille Miglia. Information for the upcoming Fall Color Tour was given, the decision having been made to retrace the route of the Jaguar Club's May drive to Corville Park in Red Wing. Also this month, tips for winter storage. Dreaded words, those, much like "Back to school" for a child.



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MINNESOTA MG GROUP		MEMBER APPLICATION / RENEWAL	
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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS JUST \$20.00			
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**IT'S 1994, DO YOU
KNOW WHERE
YOUR DUES ARE?
CHECK THE LABEL
ON THIS GAZETTE,
IT MAY BE YOUR
LAST ISSUE!**

Race for the Cure

Sherrill Carlson is a volunteer for this event to help in the fight against breast cancer. The Race for the Cure will include a 5K run through Edina and a 1K fun walk around the perimeter of Southdale. It will be held on Mothers Day. The Saturday evening before the race there will be a Pasta Party hosted by The Olive Garden Restaurant. (Need those carbohydrates for the 5K.) The entree fee is just \$10.

You can write for more information to:

Race For The Cure

PO Box 27227

Golden Valley, MN 55427-0227 or call them at 546-3555.

On The Road Again

Al & Sharon Kelsey

Al and I are tired of winter, and are overcoming the winter blahs by looking forward to summer and MG driving opportunities. Last year we had a great time caravanning with a group from our club to Grand Rapids, Michigan. Join us in caravanning to the University Motors Annual Summer Party. The dates of the party are August 19-21. This is a great opportunity to see hundreds of MGs! This year the event is featuring the MMM's 1929 - 1935 MidGet-MaGna-MaGnette.

We are tentatively planning to take a scenic, southern route (not through Chicago) leaving sometime the weekend before the party. We found last year driving about 4-5 hours a day was pleasant and allowed ample time to stop for breaks, sightseeing and shopping. The majority of the party activities are completed by Saturday night, so it is possible to be home by Sunday night if you can only be gone a week.

August may seem like a long way off but motels fill up early. We hope to have a initial planning meeting in March or April. If you have any questions, please call Al or Sharon at 891-3452.

Inter-Marque Spring Kick-Off

Sponsored by Minnesota Triumphs



It Sparkles with good times!



Guest Speaker
Star Tribune
 columnist and host
 of KSTP-AM
 1500's "Auto
 Talk," Paul
 Brand.



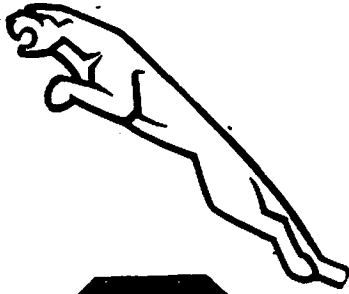
Special Guest
 Bobby Archer of
 Archer Classic
 Cars and Archer
 Brothers Racing,
 Duluth.



Find out what's happening in the Twin Cities Sports Car scene

In the tradition of the first annual Inter-Marque, this kick-off banquette reflects the new friendships between the Twin Cities' sports car clubs. This is a time to renew old acquaintances, make new friends and get ready for a terrific automotive season.

- ☆ Sheraton Metrodome
- ☆ April 2
- ☆ Cocktails 5 p.m.
- ☆ Dinner 7 p.m.



☆ Banquette ☆ Social Hour ☆ Vendors ☆ Guest Speaker

Inter-Marque Banquette Registration:

Pre-registration and \$25 pre-payment for each person required. Open to members of local sports car clubs. Seating is limited, so register early.

Name

Guest

Address

..... Zip

Phone

Club member of

Menu choice (indicate number of plates)

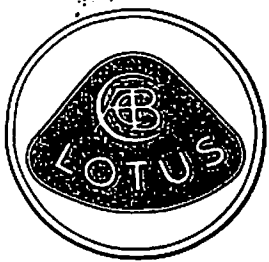
..... Chicken Marsalla London Broil

Reserve your spot today!

Mail registration and check (\$25 each meal) payable to:

Minnesota Triumphs:
 c/o Greg Thompson
 1459 Grosspoint Ave. N.
 Oakdale, Minn. 55128
 Greg 731-1205
 John 424-2662

Mail by March 25



Letters...

I'm married, have two kids, son 9, daughter 16. Moved to Eden Prairie from Plymouth in '92. I have been in the lumber brokerage business for 20 years with an office in Edina.

I recently purchased a 1961 MGA 1600 from my Brother-in-law. He bought the car in 1973 while he was a senior in high school. After rebuilding the engine (approx. 1980), he sold the car to his older brother. The car has been stored since 1985. This gem is in need of new paint and interior. The frame is excellent as is the engine.

Hope to restore it by spring, so I can enjoy the summer driving.

This is my 2nd MG, first one was a "B."

Wolf & Mary Schroeder
10584 Boss Circle
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

I bought my 1967 "B" new from Bill at Twin City Auto when it was in my neighborhood, on Grand, with my Air Force Reserve pay. It had the sole privilege of our one car garage. Only used two days a month in the winter (Reserves) then we moved to Florida.

I worked nights while in the reserves and when they changed my hours, making it impossible to return with the "family" car for my wife to use, I had to use the "B."

In one winter of freeway driving, salt ate my car away. Then the gearshift wouldn't work. I had no money for repairs, so for 12 years it sat under a tarp in the yard. I should have sold it for whatever I could have gotten for it, and in retrospect, would have and would do that now.

My wife is not a car buff but likes the "B." I'd like to show the car, and have fun with it, but after spending two major fortunes, I'm even wary of dust specks on the paint.

Jim & Louise Holmes
919 S.E. 18th. Street

GREAT RIVER ROAD RALLY

**An Invitational Benefit for the M.S. Society,
sponsored by the Alpha Romeo Owners Club.**

On behalf of the Alpha Romeo Owners Club and the M.S. Society, we are inviting you to take part in the inaugural running of the Great River Road Rally, an invitational vintage and classic car rally to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The Event

In the spirit of European historic rallies, the Northwest Classic and US 1,000 mile tours.

Prime, all paved, sports car roads, fantastic scenery of the Mississippi River and coulee country.

To historic LaCrosse Wisconsin and back to St. Paul, Minnesota.

Time-speed-distance tour-style rally.

All profits donated to the M.S. Society

June 3 - 5, 1994

Eligibility

All marques, foreign and domestic.

Pre-1975 cars (plus newer cars of particular interest).

Limited to 50 entrants

Schedule

Friday - Parc Expose' at Kellogg Park overlooking the Mississippi.

Reception at the St. Paul Radisson.

Saturday

Breakfast, St. Paul Radisson Atrium.

Enjoy the best roads and scenery in the upper Midwest.

Gourmet Italian lunch.

Parc Expose' at Riverside Park, LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Dinner cruise on the LaCrosse Queen Sternwheeler.

Sunday

Breakfast, LaCrosse Radisson.

Enjoy 150 miles of competitive driving.

Lunch catered by Jenny Lind Cafe in historic Stockholm, WI.

Awards ceremony and refreshments at St. Paul Radisson.

Glad You Asked

The rally can be run as competitive or laid back as you care to make it.

Tech crews for obstreperous vehicles.

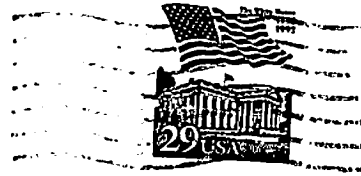
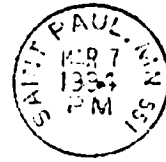
Workers/sponsors welcome and needed.

Ed Solstad, Rally master.

The GRRR will invite only 50 cars. To qualify, cars should be 1974 or earlier. Some exceptions will be made for cars of notable historical or special interest value. The pre-emission cars selection will be based on sporting heritage, condition of the cars and application date.

For more information and a registration form, please call the coordinator of this event, Brian Eslinger at (612) 449-9296, or Rally Master Ed Solstad at (612) 822-0569. Thank you for making the GRRR part of your 1994 automotive season.

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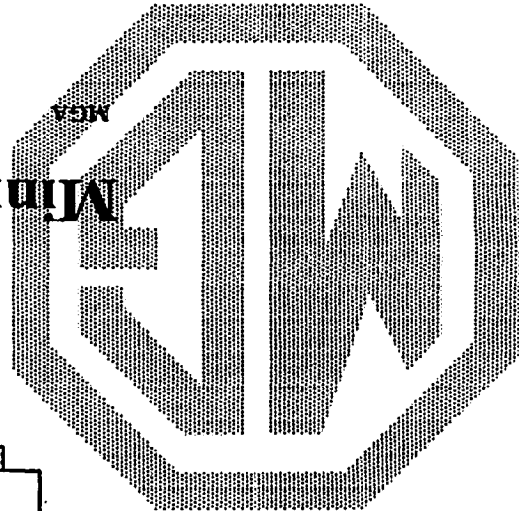
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"KICK OFF"
BRUNCH
SUNDAY
MARCH 20,
11:00 AM**